

Fowler for bringing it in, because it's one way I can support the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Murphy, do you wish to be recognized on the Fowler amendment?

SENATOR MURPHY: Senator Fowler, in your first provision, Subsection (a) that the Power Review Board will not be called in if the plant is no larger than the existing plant, and your second one delineates a particular size that is exempt, it occurs to me that they might have a 15 thousand kilowatt plant and due to some growth or some foresight possibly want to go to that 25 thousand, could you not qualify that first amendment, rather than say, no larger, and let the second amendment that delineates a maximum size do it so that a community that is replacing a 15 thousand and could more intelligently use a 20, could do so and they would still be under the limitation of your Subsection (b)?

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, is that a question?

SENATOR MURPHY: Yes, I would...I was curious if you would object to changing the first statement that if they have a 15 they must replace it with a 14 or a 15, rather let them go to the 20 inasmuch as you're saying they can go up to 25 anyhow.

SENATOR FOWLER: Well, I guess I would like to stay with the amendment as it is. First I think it should be clarified that this is not a prohibition against construction of a plant of any size, and I think that may be a misconception. It is not a prohibition against construction. All it is is to state when a municipality would have to get Power Review Board approval, which is supposed to be the state coordinating body. Now, I didn't agree with Senator Vickers that this was half a step back. I think the amendments may be a fourth of a step back. Your amendment might make it a half a step back, and I don't want to go that far back. I think...the argument that was presented to Senator Warner, Wesely and I was that small towns may have a small peaking unit that they want to replace, an oil fired thing that is out of date and they'd like to get a new one, and they'd just as soon not go through the procedural problems of the Power Review Board, and so we said, fine, you know. But when you start talking about larger power plants, and 10, 25 megawatt plants becomes 250 and I think the statistic we had is something like 600 megawatts have been built in municipalities in a series of small plants, then you're talking about a great statewide impact built piece by piece, and we think that should be reviewed